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Iraqi bioterrorism lab tested; U.S. sanctions lifted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American forces in

going tests on a trailer that matches description of a mobile biological lab given by various sources includ-

ing the Pentagon said Wednesday.

For the first time the Defense Depart-

ment announced it might have evidence

of prohibited unconventional

weapons program that it said justified

disarming Saddam Hussein.

In addition, President Bush lifted U.S.

sanctions against the old government of

Wednesday and prodded the U.N.

Council to do the same. "No coun-

try of conscience can support using

force to hold back the hopes of the Iraqi

Bush said.

At a news conference with Spanish

minister Jose Maria Aznar, Bush

said the United States, Britain and

France would introduce a U.N. resolution

that would lift sanctions imposed in

1990 when Iraq invaded Kuwait.

"The regime that the sanctions were

directed against no longer rules Iraq," Bush

said.

Such a resolution could be introduced

before the 15-member council as early as

Friday or Monday, a senior State Depart-

ment official told The Associated Press.

Other developments concerning Iraq:

• An Iraqi military officer who fought

the United States during the Gulf War was

appointed by the Americans as governor of

Saddam's heartland. Brig. Gen. Hosin

Jasem Mohamed al-Jbouri, a native of

Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, inherits the

reins of Salah ad-Din province as an inter-

im chief executive.

• Two hospitals in southern Iraq have

reported 17 confirmed cases of cholera in

Basra, and the World Health Organization

said it fears far more have gone unreported.

• In a new audiotape — the first allegedly

made by Saddam since U.S.-led forces ousted

him — the deposed Iraqi leader urged his

countrymen to fight foreign occupation.

The Sydney Morning Herald said it received

the 14-minute tape from two men in Bagh-

dad on Monday. The United States said it

was studying the tape to see if it was

authentic.

U.S. efforts to lift the sanctions has met

resistance from veto-wielding Russia and

France.

But after meeting with Aznar, Bush said

he senses there is now "a mood to work

together" on a sanctions resolution despite

earlier objections that divided the Security

Council over whether to go war in Iraq.

Aznar agreed. "Absolutely. I hope it's

true," he said. "Everyone needs to con-

tribute to it within the Security Council."

Bush also announced that he was remov-

ing U.S. sanctions imposed on Iraq under a

1990 law. He said he was doing so to allow

certain equipment needed for Iraq's recon-

struction to be sent to the country.

This was in addition to a lifting of most

U.S. economic sanctions on Iraq, also

ordered by Bush and announced earlier in

the day by Treasury Secretary John Snow.

Snow said the move would "bring much-

needed aid and humanitarian relief" to

Iraqis.

France and Russia have voiced objec-

tions to abandoning the sanctions until the

United Nations certifies that Iraq is free of

weapons of mass destruction.



Colin Powell speaks after a meeting to discuss an Iraqi sanctions resolution.



Photo by Anne Ireland

Roger Maher recently retired from the U.S. military after 30 years. Maher is a 2003 Brigham Award recipient.

A life of service

By ANNE IRELAND

Retirement from the U.S.

military is a big occasion where parades, ceremonies and lavish gifts are traditional. BYU's Colonel

Roger Maher, however, was per-

sonally content to quietly slip into

peaceful military retirement after

30 years of service.

Maher thought he had suc-

ceeded, until he received a tele-

phone call from a young lady.

"Congratulations," the voice

said. "Oh, by the way, we'd like to

invite you to the Unforum and

invite you to a luncheon with

President Bateman and compa-

"

Maher said he had no idea

at he had fallen into. He quickly

learned he was selected as one

of the seven annual recipients of

the Brigham Award at BYU,

awarded to people who show out-

standing service to others.

Maher's surprise did not end

there.

The BYU cadets of the ROTC

invited Maher's good friend,

Colonel Brian Bales, to what was intended to

be a simple retirement ceremony.

"These cadets, one more time,

outpaced themselves," Maher

said. "It was the most incredible

retirement ceremony that I had

ever been to."

Feelings of love and admiration

toward Maher are common

among BYU cadets.

He is a wonderful

example of a

leader, and servant

of the Lord."

Cadet Brian Bales

BYU ROTC

"He is a wonderful example of a leader, and servant of the Lord,"

said Cadet Brian Bales from Ann Arbor, Mich. "And he is like a father to over 250 cadets."

Another cadet said despite

Maher's high rank, he has time to

spend with the cadets.

"He is very approachable and extremely friendly," said Cadet Jed Bailey from Farmington. "He is genuinely interested in the well-being of those around him and has dedicated his life to serving others."

Maher's interest in military service began at an early age as Maher observed the fine behavior of his father and his father's friends, all World War II veterans.

Maher also recalled drawing pictures of airplanes, particularly the F-86 Saber Jet, before attending grade school.

A farm boy from Tooele, Maher said he realized in high school that his poor vision would limit his ability to fly planes.

After serving a mission in France for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Maher said his thirst to see the world expanded.

After his return from France, the U.S. military notified Maher that his draft number for the Vietnam War was 155. Maher said the

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By NEAL LEGLER

Speed limits may increase on some Orem City roads if the City Council follows the recommendations of its Engineering Department.

Speeds limits could increase by anywhere from 5 to 10 mph on several streets, including Main Street and 2000 North.

"My main concern is the safety of the people, especially the children, who live on the streets where the limits will be raised," said K.J. Williams, a resident of Orem.

"I have no doubt that the driving speeds of vehicles will increase when the speed limits increase."

Williams lives on Orem's main street in a location where the street drops and turns left after cresting a hill. Cars driving south crest the hill three houses from Williams' home.

"By the time I back out onto the street, preparing to head south, a car can come up over the crest of the hill and need to break for me," Williams said. "It is often difficult to safely back out of my driveway into the

traffic on Main Street, especially in winter when cars coming over the hill have greater difficulty stopping."

Williams asked the council not to change the speed limit on Main Street from 1600 North to 2000 North.

He also asked the city not to increase the speed limit on 2000 North due to heavy traffic and pedestrian activity caused by Oak

Canyon Junior High.

Ben Knowlton, Aspen neighborhood chair, also said the council should be wary of increasing the speed limit on 2000 North due to a blind three-way intersection west of State Street.

Orem's Engineering Division, together with a citizens committee, began looking at several areas of Orem's transportation system several years ago.

As a result of their research, the citizens committee has recommended the city increase speed limits on several city streets.

The increases, they said, will not necessarily cause people to drive faster than is safe. Nor will reducing the speed limit lead people to drive slower.

Speed limits, they said, are most effective and safe when they reflect the speed most people drive naturally because most drivers are safe and reasonable.

"The intent of the speed limit increases is not to make traffic go faster on our streets," Washburn said. "All of us are absolutely and fundamentally concerned with safety. That is a critical issue with us."



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[Weather]



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Showers

High 51, low 39



FRIDAY

Showers

High 48, low 37

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Reuters

Chinese sculptor Kong Fanwei works on a sculpture Wednesday depicting a masked nurse as a tribute to medical workers fighting to contain the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in Guangzhou, the capital of Guangdong Province.

SARS deadlier than other respiratory diseases

BEIJING (AP) — World Health Organization experts were being sent to a crowded province in China where SARS is spreading fast, while new research published Wednesday suggests the illness is much deadlier than other respiratory diseases.

As the global death toll approached 500, Russia considered imposing restrictions along its border with China, where experts say the disease has yet to peak. Chinese officials arrested alleged Internet rumor mongers and revoked the licenses of doctors who refused to treat the infection.

In Washington, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson said China and the United States would work closer on SARS, although a senior Chinese official was noncommittal about providing U.S. scientists

with specimens from patients.

The U.S. government has authorized customs and immigration inspectors at airports to use force to detain passengers who appear to have SARS symptoms. The New York Times reported Wednesday. None had been detained so far, it said.

New findings in The Lancet medical journal show SARS is killing one in five of patients hospitalized with the virus in hard-hit Hong Kong, including 55 percent of infected patients over 60. In younger patients, the death rate could be as low as 6.8 percent, the study found.

"That's sadly still very high for a respiratory infection," said Roy Anderson, the epidemiologist at London's Imperial College who headed the study.



Reuters

A jail worker sifts through personal items Wednesday while helping families that have been forced from their home in the wake of a tornado in Pierce City, Mo.

Tornadoes sweep again

DE SOTO, Mo. (AP) — Tornadoes swept across the Midwest and South overnight and early Wednesday, killing two people in Illinois and wreaking more havoc in a region still reeling from a barrage of twisters over the weekend.

A junior high gymnasium in this community 35 miles southwest of St. Louis was destroyed in Tuesday night's twister but 25 young track athletes and their coaches were spared because they had fled the gym just in time.

"Chairs started flying. Everything started shaking. It was scary," Travis Shores, 14, said as he visited the ruins Wednesday.

Said Grant Gannon, also 14: "I kept hearing the wind, then there was a loud boom like a bomb went off."

At least four tornadoes hit southern Illinois overnight, killing two people, injuring at least 20 and destroying or damaging scores of homes. In Mermet, the trailer of Miriam Houchins, 65, was wrapped around tree trunks; her body was found in a ravine. Another man was killed in nearby Grand Chain.

"There was nothing for me to do except lie down and grab the grass," said Brenda Crockett, who spent Wednesday looking for family photographs and other treasures.

BRACING FOR WAR

An Indonesian Marine looks through a portable rocket launcher Wednesday during an inspection ceremony in Surabaya. Indonesian military chief Endriarto Sutarto told troops to brace for war in Aceh as separatist rebels in the country's western most province were refusing to lay down their weapons.



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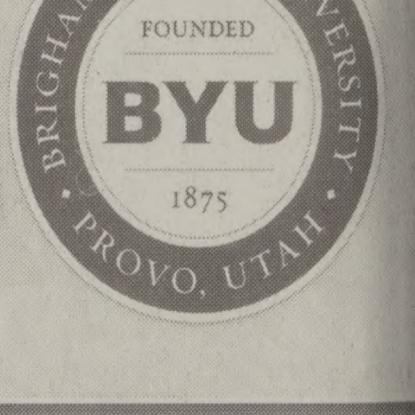
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Committee created to boost spring, summer enrollment

BY J. MAC LARSEN

BYU has created a new committee to evaluate and assess how efficiently the university is using its resources and how it can encourage students to attend during the spring and summer terms.

"One need to be using the facilities we have efficiently," said Wayne Childs, director of Planning and Assessment.

The committee, chaired by

Childs, has been formed to study

the statement and how

to improve upon its cur-

rent

the spring and sum-

mer terms.

simple examples of

the university tries to effi-

ciently use its facilities during

the months are: it hosts

conferences, upcoming

events, education week,

and it instructs students, Childs

said.

"One way to look at the efficiency issue is to look at the best practices of other universities," Childs said. "By looking at how other universities around the country use both their physical facilities and their faculty, BYU can make the necessary adjustments to its program to ensure that it's performing at its optimal level," Childs said.

The committee will also look at how to make the spring and summer terms better so more students will be encouraged to attend.

In a report by the Registrar's Office, the university has tried two major campaigns of late to encourage attendance; it has tried handing out more scholarships and lowering tuition.

"It is harder to get scholarships [for] the winter and fall semesters," said Natalie Clarkson, 20, from Kanab, majoring in English. "If I choose to come

spring and summer I can at least get half scholarships which helps."

The university encourages students to attend spring and summer classes by offering spring/summer scholarships, which are based on students' GPA's, said Stephen E. Hill, director of Scholarships.

"This year (2003), over 9,000 students applied, and about 5,000 received scholarships," Hill said.

In 1995, the university decided to reduce the tuition costs for spring and summer classes to encourage more students to attend.

In 1995 BYU offered a 35 percent tuition reduction, and continued to offer similar discounts on tuition until 2001.

It discontinued the practice because the university didn't see the increase it was looking for, Childs said.

The new committee presents a great opportunity to take a closer look at how BYU operates during spring and summer, Childs said.

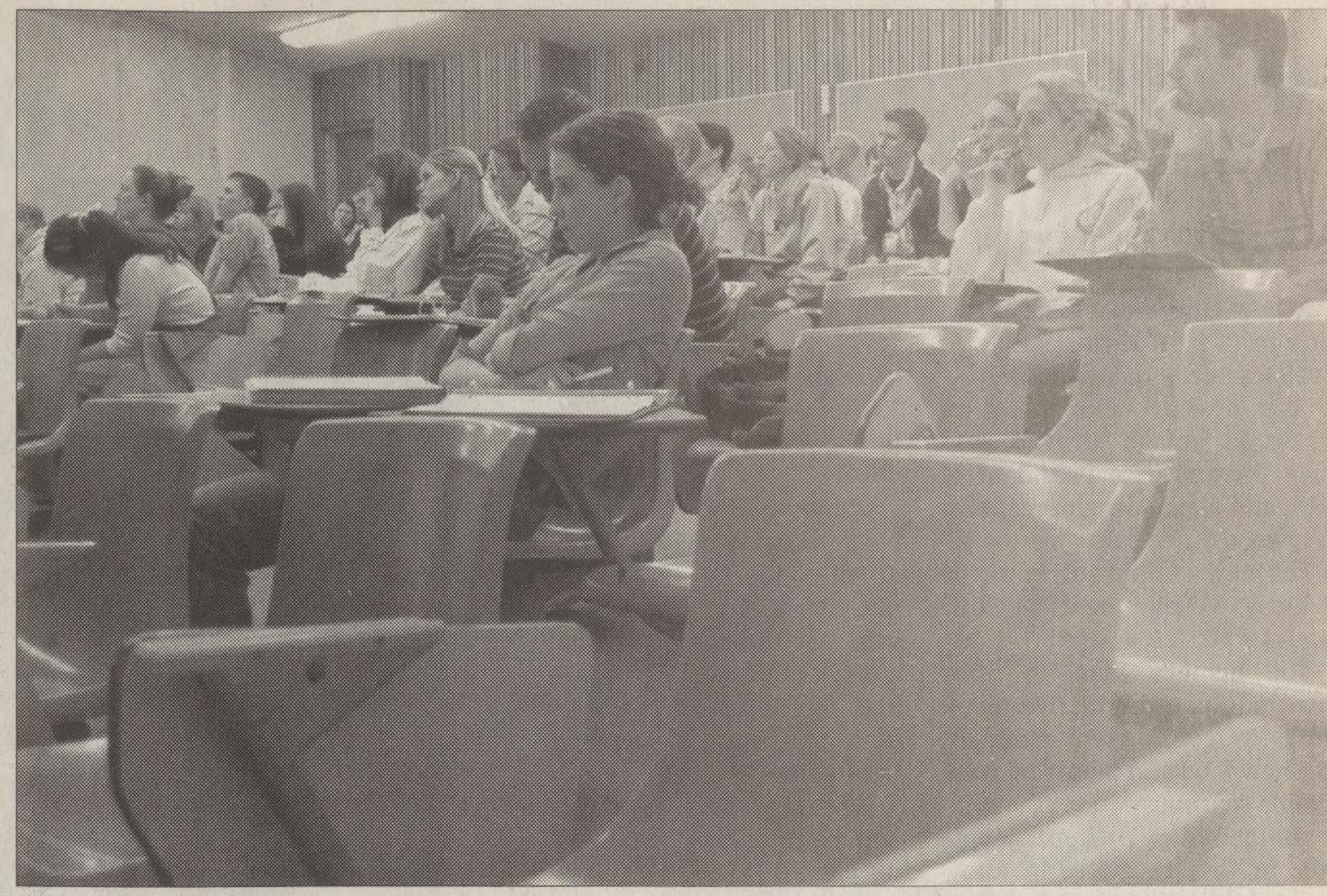


Photo by Carrie Rowe
Enrollment in term classes is significantly lower than semester classes, causing many seats to go unfilled during class time. Students listen to a lecture in a Statistics 221 class on Wednesday.

Benefits await students who attend university year-round

BY J. MAC LARSEN

Both students and faculty members agree there are more benefits in coming to spring and summer terms at BYU than just money.

A 1999 survey conducted by Wayne Childs, director of Planning and Assessment at BYU, shows students choose to attend either spring or summer semesters to help them graduate earlier from school and lighten their future course loads in the following fall and winter semesters.

Today's students feel the same way.

"With interviews for medical school coming up in the fall I wanted to keep my load in the fall as small as possible," said Rick Burgon, from Brigham City, majoring in neuroscience,

to stay for either of the terms.

Elizabeth Wahlquist, an associate professor of English, said, "I like spring term [because] you get to have a different kind of relationship with students."

Almost two-thirds of the student body doesn't attend BYU during the spring and summer months, which means fewer people on campus crowding hallways, waiting in lines and taking up parking spaces.

Students also feel like their schedule is less hectic and there is a more relaxed atmosphere on campus with the smaller student population.

"There is a lot fewer people here now so it is easier to study here and get help from the teachers," said Natalie Clarkson, from Kanab, majoring in English. "I also feel more apt to talk with people I don't know, and be much more friendlier."

The advantages of spring and summer terms don't go unnoticed by the faculty who choose

to stay for either of the terms.

Elizabeth Wahlquist, an associate professor of English, said, "I like spring term [because] you get to have a different kind of relationship with students."

Since there are so few weeks in each of the terms, professors and students really have to learn to both keep up in class and tolerate each other, because two hours can be a long time to be together, Wahlquist said.

With each term lasting officially only eight weeks, some students have the notion that the classes must be less challenging, but Burgon and Wahlquist say that belief is false.

"I don't think the teachers make it any easier," Burgon said. "If they do, it is compensated by the speed with which you go through the materials."

Wahlquist has observed students have less time to lose momentum and focus in their course work.

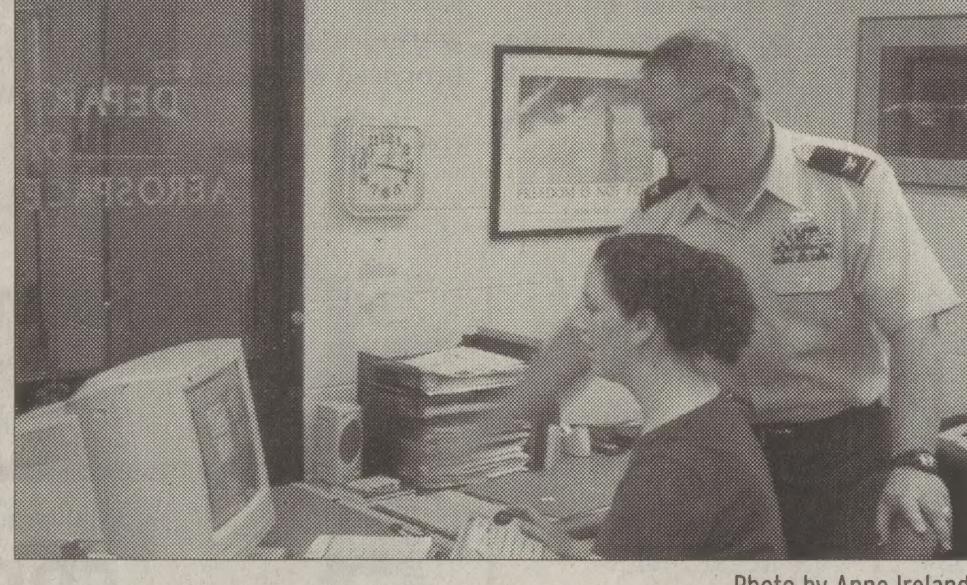


Photo by Anne Ireland

Maher works with his daughter Rachel Maher, who is a student secretary for the ROTC in the Wells Building.

ferent assignments, and earned him 17 Medals of Honor, colorfully displayed as ribbons on Maher's crisp, blue military uniform.

Maher said his favorite medal was given to him for a 9-month assignment developing a database for installations worth striking in Libya. When the U.S. military attacked Libya, President Reagan chose six targets from Maher's list, he said.

Maher said he sat in the command center with two 4-star generals during the Libyan air raids. Maher fondly recalled watching one of the generals agonize over the loss of one American plane.

The last two years of Maher's military service were at BYU's ROTC program teaching mili-

tary science. Maher got permission from two generals and a major general to be released from his current assignment to come teach at BYU.

"I have loved this tour of duty," Maher said. "These young people ... are some of the best and the brightest and the most energetic that you'll ever run across. They are great, young Latter-day Saints. They are great, young, American patriots."

Maher said he wants his BYU cadets to understand that living gospel principles taught by the Church of Jesus Christ will help them become great soldiers and great generals.

Maher lives in Lehi with his wife Camille. They have six children.

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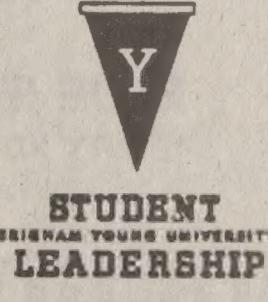
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A 'juicy' new student hangout to open

By JENNIFER HANSEN

A new cafe that offers everything from fruit-packed juices to LoveSacs opens today in Provo.

"It's a Starbucks with an industrial splash to it," said Chris Dayton, vice president of sales and area development at Hollywood Juice cafe.

The new restaurant is in the Parkway Village near 24-Hour Fitness.

The owners plan to offer young adults a distinctive menu and a welcoming environment with new food and plenty of comfortable seating.

"Immediately when people walk in they're going to know they're in a different place," Dayton said.

The owners of the new cafe also want to give back to the community.

At the end of each quarter, the owners are planning to award one deserving student with an educational grant.

A board consisting of company personnel, co-sponsor business members and leaders in the Provo community will choose the scholarship recipients, Dayton said.

"We could just open up a restaurant, but we want to do more than that," Dayton said. "We want to be able to give back and help."

A few times a year, the staff will close the cafe's doors and go to work in the community, Day-

ton said.

In addition to their plans to serve, the owners of Hollywood Juice Cafe said they hope to be the new hot spot in Provo.

"I've never been so excited about a job in my entire life," said Ali Fuller, a cafe employee and BYU student majoring in business.

Every weekend is going to be packed with activities that are scheduled to last until midnight.

The owners are planning every Friday night to be filled with music, contests, games and a \$50 grand prize.

Saturday nights are scheduled to consist of live music and classic movies, which will be played on one of the cafe's three 42-inch plasma television screens.

"At midnight, on those activities, if we have a full house, and it looks like people aren't ready to go," Dayton said, "we'll stay open if we need to. We're not going to be crazy and push people out the door."

The new cafe's staff offers its



Photo by Camilla Hodge

New owners Chris Dayton and Brandon Guzzo are excited about the opening of their Hollywood Juice Cafe that opens today.

customers real fruit smoothies with double the fruit and no ice.

All soups and salads will be served in bread bowls, said Emily Schultz, a cafe employee and BYU history student.

In addition, the cafe offers signature sandwiches made with fresh, homemade bread. This includes a peanut butter and jam sandwich made with homemade peanut butter and crushed cashews, Dayton said.

The owners are also looking to get involved with BYU by working with clubs and participating in fund-raisers on campus.

UTA to raise prices in June

By RYAN OLIVER

In a public hearing Tuesday, Utah Transit Authority officials defended an increase in fare for adult cash customers to help cover rising fuel costs and reductions in federal funds for mass transit.

The fare increase, to take effect June 1, will not affect disabled passengers, senior citizens or those holding monthly passes.

UTA is proposing a 25 cent increase in one-way fares — from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for adults — which UTA financial analyst Jan Maynard said would raise revenues by \$1 million per year.

Maynard said despite the efforts of UTA to cut costs and improve efficiency, an increase in fares is necessary to make up for the decrease in funding from state and federal governments.

These funds come from tax revenues that have decreased since the post-Sept. 11 economic downturn.

"We have tightened our belts and reduced spending, but it is still not enough," she said. "This will help close the gap between revenue and expenses until there is an improvement in the economy," she said.

Residents spoke out more in favor of the increase during Tuesday's meeting than in 2001 when a similar hearing took place.

In that meeting, several residents expressed outrage at the cost increases, but this year there was a very small turnout.

The public's questions raised were not complaints about the increase, but focused more on whether some routes would be cancelled.

Provo resident Ron Roberts, who is almost completely blind, is one resident who is more concerned about keeping current route schedules than with any fare increase.

"I am completely dependent on the bus system," Roberts said. "It's the only way I have to get places because I can't drive a car and I hope that the routes I take don't get scaled back."

Maynard said UTA would like to maintain its current level of service and raise rates instead of cutting the number and frequency of bus routes.

"Revenues are falling, expenses are high, and we are proactively trying to direct the situation by cutting costs and increasing efficiency," she said.

"This is a small increase in the grand scope of things, and we're believing that if we do this we can avoid cutbacks in service at this time."

Carl, a UTA bus driver who refused to give his last name in keeping with company policy, said he thinks riders are still getting a bargain, despite the proposed increases.

"When you consider fuel, tires, oil changes, insurance

AT A GLANCE

Can't get on the Bus?

As of May 1, BYU students required to have a sticker attached to their identification card to ride on the Utah Transit Authority bus. The sticker is valid from May 1, 2003 - April 30, 2004.

How can I get a sticker?

1. Log onto Route Y and register for a sticker.
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and depreciation on your car. You realize there's no somebody could get all the way to Salt Lake for a couple of bucks," he said. "The drawback is time. Every else is still very economic

Main Street conflict heads to Supreme Court

By NEAL LEGLER

The Supreme Court has scheduled a private conference for May 15 to determine whether or not it will review the Main Street Plaza appeal.

Meanwhile the Salt Lake City Council is gearing up to hold a series of public hearings about potential solutions to the plaza controversy.

Currently, Mayor Rocky Anderson's most recent proposal, a land swap between the city and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is under consideration.

According to the proposal, the city would give up the plaza easement in exchange for church land on the west side of Salt Lake City, land where the city would

build a community center with the financial assistance of the Church and the Alliance for Unity.

Russell Weeks, public policy analyst for the City Council, said the Supreme Court's upcoming private conference shouldn't deter the council from discussing the proposal.

"There's a proposal on the table, and both parties are working toward that proposal," he said, "so given that proposal, they would probably go ahead with it anyway."

Cindy Gust-Jenson, executive director, said the council is in the process of completing documents that will make public before going ahead with the hearings. The council has set a tentative hearing date of May 27.

With the city giving up the easement, the LDS Church would

be the sole owner and would have the right to control conduct in the area.

The American Civil Liberties Union said Mayor Anderson's original plan for the city to retain the easement and enact time, place and manner restrictions would still be more preferable.

"We think the church's interests could have been taken into consideration in the first proposal," said Dani Eyre, director of the ACLU for Utah. "For that to be unacceptable to the church and for the mayor to scrap the whole plan has been ill-advised."

The next phase of the issue, Eyre said, will depend on what the Salt Lake City Council and the Mayor decide.

It will also depend on whether or not the Supreme Court decides to review the appeal.

Thomas Goldstein, an attorney at Goldstein and Howe in Washington, D.C., identified the case in a Legal Times column as a likely candidate for review.

The case could have far-reaching effects regarding the circumstances in which property conveyed to a private organization by a government can be closed to a public forum.

According to church legal documents, the lower courts have been unclear and contradictory in their past rulings on similar issues.

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By STACEY REED

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The competition, sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers, is regarded as one of the most fascinating collegiate engineering design competitions of its kind in the world, according to Robert H. Todd, professor of mechanical engineering and host organizer for the event.

"BYU has won more first through fifth individual and overall competition awards than any other school," Todd said.

Engineering teams of students from across the United States and teams from Mexico, South Korea and Poland have worked all year to design and manufacture an innovative, creative, versatile and high-endurance all-terrain vehicle.

BYU has two teams — one is an extracurricular team and the other is a team of seniors in an engineering capstone class.

The one-man dune buggies will undergo intense evaluation during professional presentations Thursday, in addition to five strenuous events that will test the endurance, performance and maneuverability of the vehicles.

A new event this year, which brings a new competitive edge is the "rock-crawl," where vehicles will take on the rocky terrain.

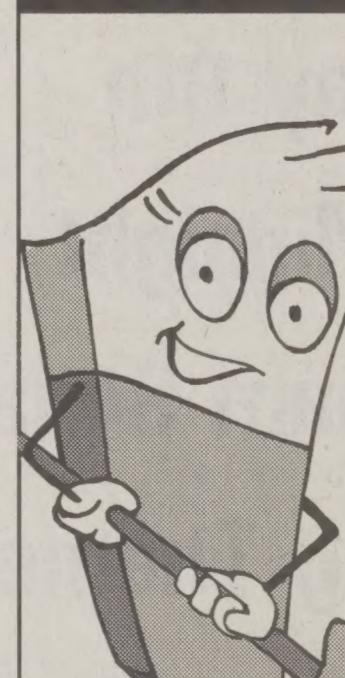
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MWC tournament begins today

No. 3 seed BYU softball team faces No. 6 UNLV in first round today

LEGRAN D. AKANA

SAN DIEGO — The BYU softball team heads to San Diego for the Mountain West Conference Tournament, where it will be for an NCAA bid.

"I'm very confident in going to the tournament because our players and coaching staff get along great," sophomore catcher Erin Watson said.

The double-elimination tournament, which will determine MWC champion, will begin and conclude on Saturday at the championship game. The champion receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

No. 3 seed BYU will play the UNLV Rebels at 9 a.m. today in the tournament's opening game. The winner of the game advances to play the No. 2 seed Colorado State Rams at 2 p.m.

"I feel confident that we are as prepared as we are going to be," coach Gordon Eakin said. "We are also in almost all of the offensive categories of the top 20 of the NCAA softball teams."

Other teams participating in the tournament are the No. 4 seeded Utah Utes, and the No. 5 seeded New Mexico Lobos.

"That in itself says something of our ball team," Eakin said.

The tournament host and No. 1 seed is San Diego State. The Aztecs have already claimed the 2003 MWC regular season title, winning their last two regular season games against Colorado State, both 2-1 victories.

"Our team knows the different strengths and weaknesses of each team that we will be facing because they have played them before in our regular season several times," Eakin said.

Eakin said there will be few surprises in the tournament because all of the teams know each other so well.

The Cougars have a few nagging injuries that may be a factor in their performance in the tournament, but the Cougars are dwelling on the positive. BYU has a young team and hopes to continue its success in the years to come.

"With us, we're not concerned about the other teams, we're concerned about our team," Eakin said. "If the right team shows up for BYU, we can beat anybody."

The team attended the annual MWC softball banquet held on Wednesday, where several MWC players were honored that have excelled on the field as well as in the classroom.

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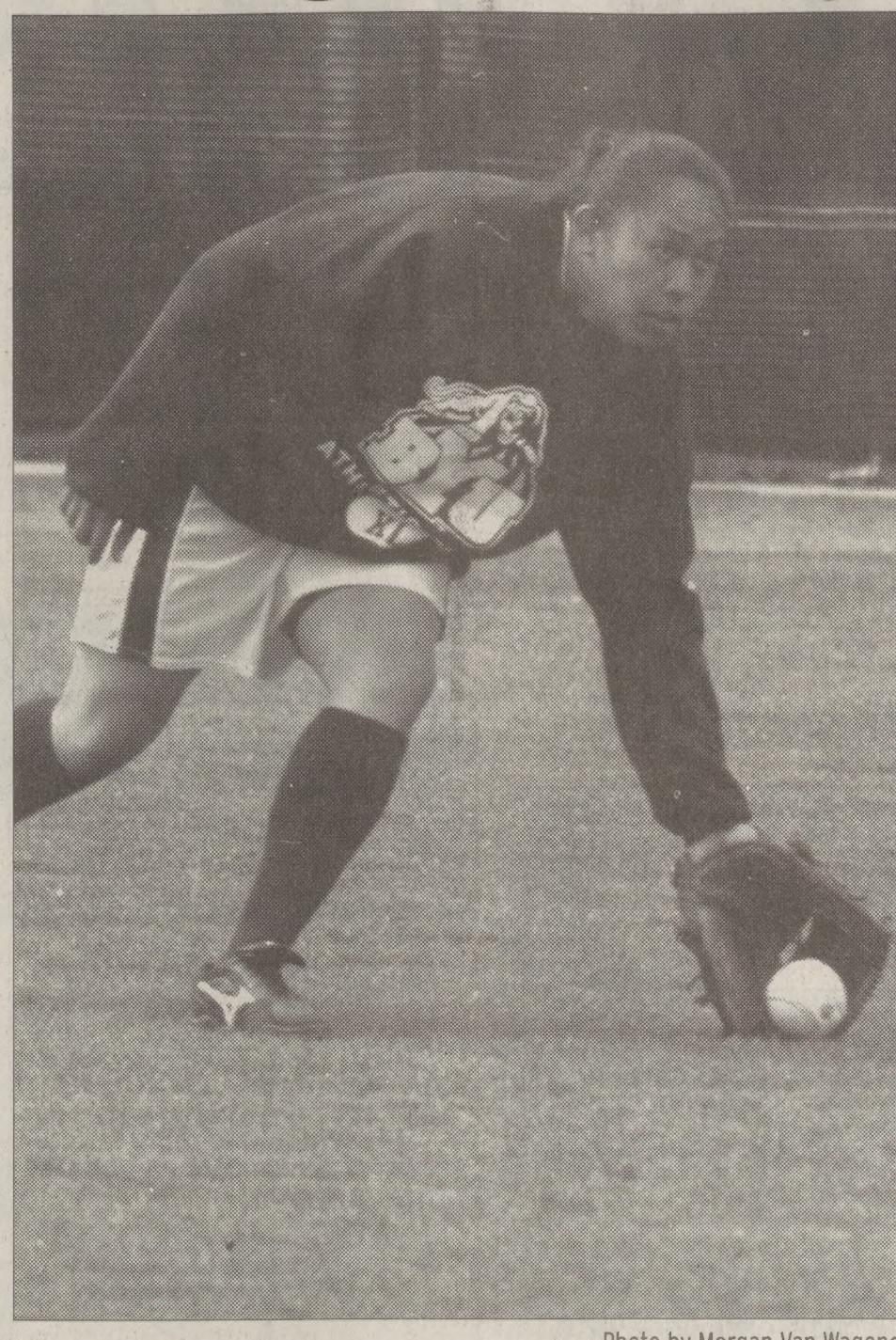


Photo by Morgan Van Wagoner

BYU junior outfielder Oli Keohohou and the Cougars are in the top 20 of almost every offensive category in the NCAA.

Baseball takes on SDSU at home

By CHRIS GRAHAM

The BYU baseball team (22-20, 14-10) is gearing up to host conference rival San Diego State University (22-27, 14-10) in a three-game series beginning today at 7 p.m. with another game Friday at 7 p.m. and concluding Saturday at 1 p.m.

Both teams are tied for third in the Mountain West Conference with records of 14-10, and this series could propel one of the teams into second place in the conference.

Our series could determine who ends up in second place, depending on what happens this weekend with UNLV at New Mexico.

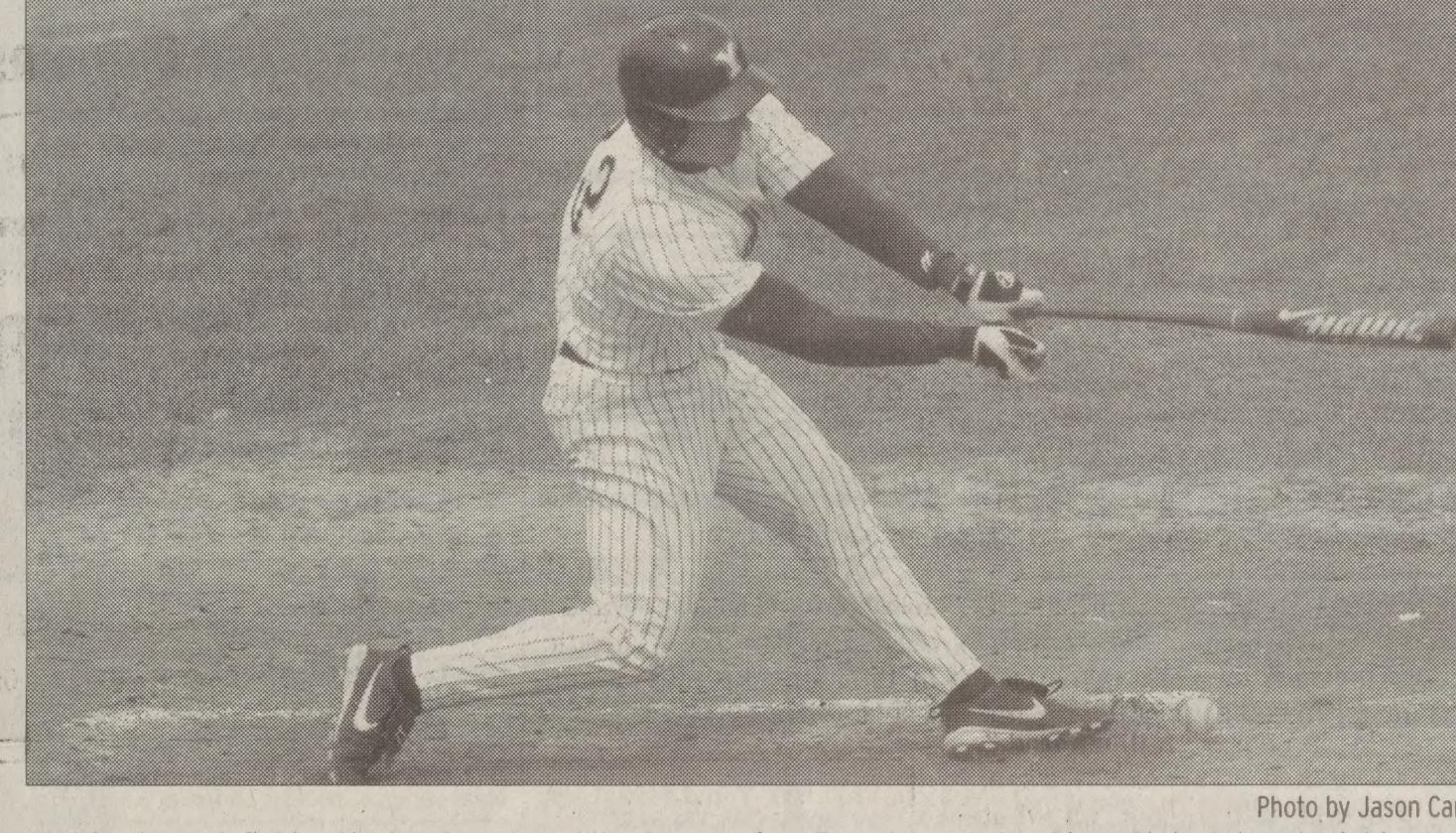


Photo by Jason Carr

BYU freshman infielder Clayton Carson and the Cougars face Tony Gwynn's San Diego State Aztecs tonight.

ico," said Law. "Our games with San Diego State could determine our destiny depending on how well we play this week. It helped to get back on track with our play last week against Utah. We know our situation to go to a regional depends on winning the league tournament."

Both teams are currently six games out of first place UNLV

and only two games behind second place New Mexico.

Taking the mound for BYU Thursday is junior Jeff Mousser (5-5, 5.38). Junior Paul Jacinto (7-5, 4.01) is the probable BYU starter for Friday's game.

Left-handed freshman Ken Gravley (3-1, 4.92) is the projected starter for Saturday's game.

SDSU head coach Tony

Gwynn will send Mike Moat (4-4) to pitch the first game of the series. Joe Carque (4-3) will take the mound Friday, and lefty Ben Coon (4-3) will finish up for the Aztecs on Saturday's match-up.

BYU sophomore Ryan Chambers was named MWC player of the week after hitting .600 with two home runs and eight RBIs in three games last week.

St. George Triathlon expects over 600 participants

By KATY MACDONALD

ST. GEORGE — The fastest growing triathlon in Utah will take place in St. George on Saturday, the third annual St. George Triathlon.

"We've got voted the best triathlon in Utah in the Utah Sports Guide," said Jared Stanley, director and former BYU student.

Stanley placed seventh in his first triathlon a few years ago. He feels good after competing, he thinks everyone should share in the experience.

Stanley organized the first St. George Triathlon three years ago with 220 participants.

"We were thinking our first

year we could probably get 50-60, and our first year we had 200," Stanley said. "So we were really overwhelmed from the start."

The second year more than doubled the first with over 500 participants.

Stanley expects about 600 participants this year and increased popularity than previous years.

"It's been really good," Stanley said. "It's a good solid race."

With an estimate of 95 percent of the participants from outside St. George, about 60 percent are from northern Utah including a strong presence of BYU students.

"It is competitive but we also keep it fun and keep it open for

advanced or for first timers," Stanley said.

Several racers will shave their heads on Friday for a discount entrance price, and for an added

feeling of being "hardcore".

"You have been training, you're going to feel hardcore, why don't you look hardcore; look the part," Stanley said.

"A true triathlete that is doing an iron-man race — they shave their whole body to shave

off seconds off their time."

Racers will line up at Gunlock Reservoir to begin the frenzy with an 800-yard swim. They will then strip out of their wet suit for the cycling portion, a 14-mile ride

to Red Mountain Spa. The last stretch of the race is a 5-kilometer run to Tuacahn and back.

St. George, Stanley's hometown, has proven to be an ideal location for a triathlon. It is decorated with red rock, and provides strong community support.

"It's the most beautiful place in the state, it was a natural," Stanley said.

Stanley is unsure if he personally will head the triathlon in future years, but if he doesn't he will make sure someone does.

"I want to make sure the race continues," Stanley said.

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Stingers' collapse in eighth inning costly

By KYLE HINES

SALT LAKE CITY — Sparked by an eight-run eighth inning, the Fresno Grizzlies manhandled the Salt Lake Stingers 12-7 Wednesday afternoon in a game at Franklin Covey Field.

The game, the second in a four-game series between the two teams, matched the minor league affiliates of last year's World Series teams, the Anaheim Angels and the San Francisco Giants.

Fresno jumped on the scoreboard in the fourth inning with a Todd Linden RBI single. The California squad added three more runs before the Stingers were able to get on the board.

Fresno scoring was highlighted by centerfielder Jason Ellison and designated hitter Damon Minor's RBIs.

Salt Lake made a run at the Grizzlies and momentarily took the lead in the bottom of the seventh behind its own six-run effort.

A Tom Gregorio double that

drove in two runs ignited the Stingers' comeback. Gregorio then scored when he was knocked home by a Chone Figgins triple, his seventh three-bagger of the year. The rally continued with RBIs by Robb Quinlan, Barry Wesson, and Keith Johnson.

The Stinger's scoring burst landed Fresno starter Matt Blank on the bench after he worked a solid six innings.

Chone Figgins, who usually plays second base, switched over to the left side of the infield at the request of Salt Lake's Major League affiliate, the Anaheim Angels.

"They want him to play a little at shortstop," said Stingers' manager Mike Brumley. "It is our job to get guys ready to go up to the next level."

One bright spot for the Stingers was Alfredo Amezaga who extended his hitting streak to 16 games.

With the loss the Stingers fell to 12-20 on the year.

The Stingers will look for revenge when the two squads meet again Thursday night.

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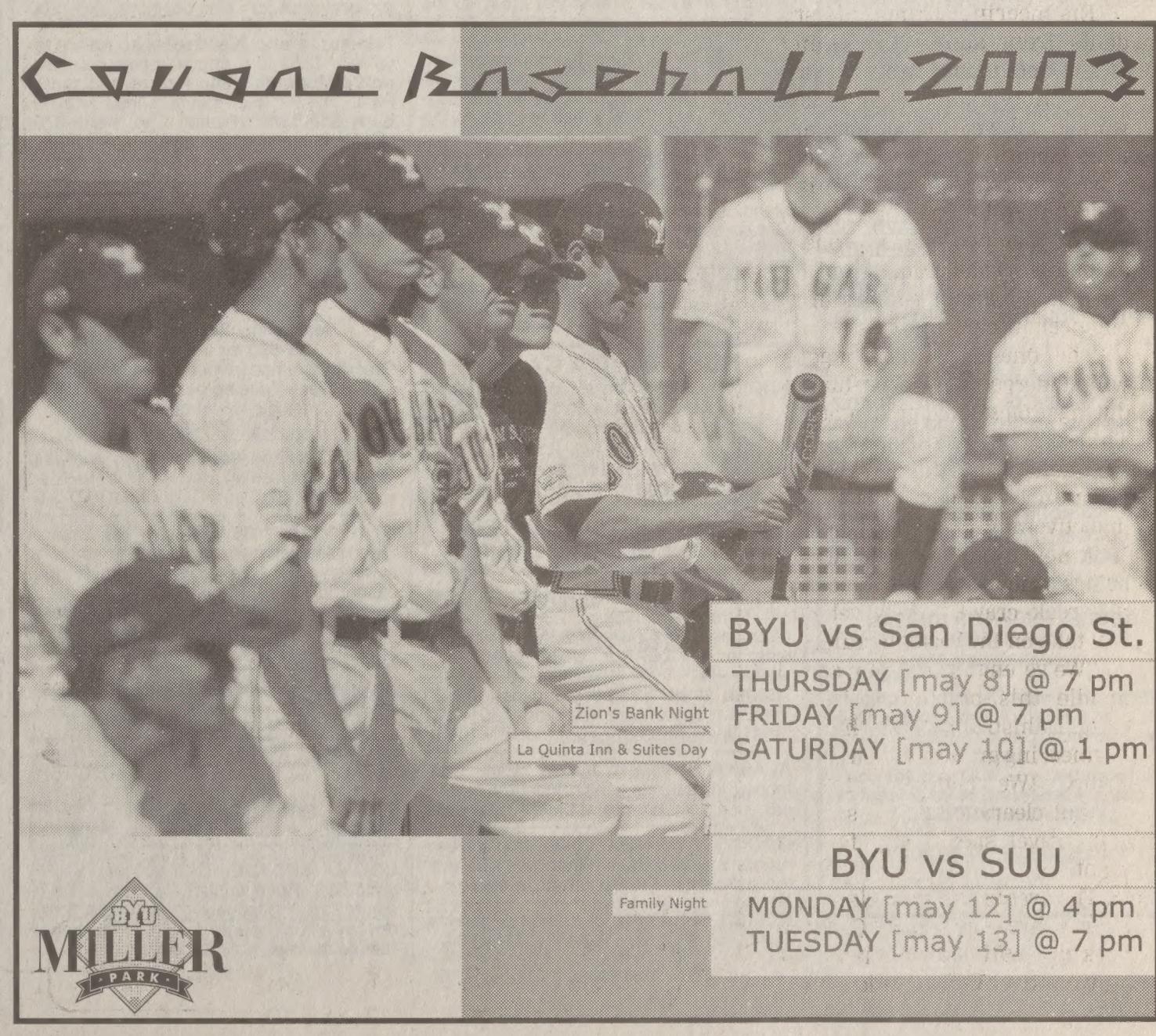
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SweetHaven, whose music was featured in "The RM," will play Friday at Castle Park Amphitheater in Provo.

Ord joins SweetHaven for concert in Provo

By SARAH CHAMBERLIN

Musician whose songs were featured on "The RM" and "Singles Ward" will perform Friday for a Provo audience.

Maren Ord, a songwriter from Canada, joined forces with the Utah band SweetHaven for an outdoor concert at Castle Park Amphitheater.

"It's always scary being the headliner act," Ord said. "You're kind of responsible for getting a lot of people out there. If 5 people show up, we know that I'm a lame-o artist."

Ord will perform songs from her album "Waiting" as well as music from her second album which has not yet been released.

"I hope that a lot of people come and that the weather isn't a deterrent," she said.

Although Ord described her new material as fun for listeners, she admitted that her goal is a more personal one.

"I love to write because I love to write. It's always nice to hear that people appreciate it, or that people are touched by a song."

Ida McDonald, a senior from El Paso, Texas, first heard Ord perform last year. She said she likes her music because it's easy listening and has catchy lyrics.

"She has good messages, but she's not pounding in your head LDS values. It's more subtle," McDonald said.

Performing at Castle Park

provides a unique opportunity for the young artist.

"I don't do a whole lot of outdoor concerts," Ord said. "But living here in Utah, there are a lot of venues to perform outside. I'm looking forward to that part."

Ord began writing her own music at 13. Although she has performed with artists such as Sarah McLaughlin and Sheryl Crow and has had her music featured on television and movies, she said she didn't imagine the success she would have.

"I never thought I'm going to make millions of dollars doing this, but it's nice to know that it's definitely a possibility," she said.

Ord met SweetHaven while working on the RM soundtrack and said she is excited to perform with them.

"They're hilarious on stage and they're super talented. They've got the Weezer sound and I love that," Ord said.

The band SweetHaven formed in early 2001. Since the days of practicing in a West Jordan basement, its members have performed at venues such as Tuacahn Theater. Their hit song "Go Back" was even selected to be in the movie "The RM."

"Our manager, KC Blake, thought it would fit a certain reflective scene in the movie," said Gentry Lee, lead guitarist and backing vocalist for SweetHaven. "It's been a great leg-up for us. People know who we are

now."

Lee expressed enthusiasm for Friday's concert, which he said the band has been preparing for all year.

"It should be the apex of SweetHaven's ability — the best show ever played."

While SweetHaven has often opened for other performers, this concert will put them more directly in the spotlight.

"In two and a half years, we've spent a lot of time working with other artists. This is one of the first shows we're headlining with someone else. We're the show this time," said Lee.

Fans can purchase autographed CDs from Ord at the concert. SweetHaven's first album, "Help Yourself," will be available in stores later this summer.

"The release date keeps getting pushed back since we keep getting more particular how it sounds," Lee said.

Noah Sparks, a senior from Lake Forest, Calif., laments he cannot see SweetHaven in concert because he has to go out of town.

"I like their music because it gets stuck in your head quick," he said. "They're local and not into other garbage."

Friday's concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Castle Park amphitheater is located at 1300 E. on Center Street. Tickets will be available that night for \$5 or \$4 with student ID.

Deseret Chamber Music Festival presents national artists in concert

By TIFFANY RUECKERT

Four concerts featuring nationally known artists will be given Friday and Saturday and May 16-17 as part of the second annual Deseret Chamber Music Festival.

"The purpose of the festival is to share the greatest masterworks of chamber music in festive concerts presented by prominent artists from the Intermountain West," said festival director and BYU faculty member Laurence Lowe.

The festival will begin May 9, with a performance by BYU's resident jazz quintet, Q'd Up.

The Orpheus Winds Quintet, BYU's faculty woodwind ensemble, will perform Saturday.

On May 16, the Deseret Chamber Music Festival will join pianists Irene Peery-Fox and Barbara Allen, who form the ensemble "Ladies at Play."

Longtime friends Peery-Fox and Allen have performed many times at BYU and on the Temple Square Concert Series.

The Deseret Chamber Players, featuring Jenny Oaks Baker, a violinist with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, will be the finale of the festival on May 17.

Baker has played for audiences

throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. Her talent has been recognized in several national and international competitions.

Baker will present a violin master class in the Madsen Recital Hall at 10 a.m. on May 17. Admission to the class is \$5, or free with any ticket from a Deseret Chamber Music Festival concert.

All performances for the festival will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall of the Harr Fine Arts Center.

Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$5 for students. A festival pass may be purchased for \$35. Tickets can be purchased through the Fine Arts Ticket Office.

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Students deal with depression

By SARAH THEOBALD

At college campuses throughout the nation, a growing number of students suffer from mental disorders.

Heather Anderson, (not her real name) a senior from California, has suffered from depression since she was 16. She said if one develops depression, it is often genetically caused, but it can also be an environmental factor, or how one reacts to their environment.

Although she suspected there was something different about her in high school, she wasn't diagnosed with depression until she was 20 and started seeing a therapist.

"I feel that I have improved and that therapy by itself is helping me become a stronger individual," she said.

In her case, genetics played a role in the cause of her depression, as her mother suffers from depression.

At least 2 million Americans suffer from bipolar disorder, a specific type of depression that is also known as manic-depressive illness, as outlined on the Mental Help Web site.

People with bipolar disorder experience extreme highs (mania) and extreme lows (depression).

Of those with bipolar disorder, 80 percent to 90 percent have a relative with depression or bipolar disorder, according to the American Psychiatric Association.

Nearly 18 million American adults suffer from a depressive illness, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

What causes these mental disorders? Many scientists believe several factors, both environmen-

tal and genetic, come into play for bipolar disorder and depression.

Some environmental causes of depression and bipolar disorder include stress, cigarette smoking, the loss of a loved one, the breakup of a romantic relationship, chronic illnesses (like diabetes), attention or learning disorders, abuse and neglect, according to the NIMH.

"Our perceptions need to catch up to our medical achievements," said Lydia Lewis, executive director of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance on its Web site. "Medical breakthroughs today allow us to successfully treat 80 percent to 90 percent of people diagnosed with depression. Treatment is available, and treatment works."

The Counseling and Career Center on campus at BYU is another resource. Counseling on eating disorders, depression, premarital and marital relations and individual and group therapy are some of the options available.

Jennifer Emery, who works at the Counseling and Career Center, said the services are free to students as long as they are full-time or three-quarters time.

Anderson said music and talking to a trusted friend or family members are helpful coping mechanisms.

"Music helps a lot for me," she said. "When I feel angry, I listen to punk music, and once I calm down, I'll listen to something like Sarah McLachlan. Music can change your mood."

Smith offered advice to those suspicious that they may have symptoms of a mental disorder.

"Go see a doctor, but don't let them just tell you that you are depressed," she said. "You know yourself."

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